

## **Alaska Energy Cost Reduction Program Progress Report**

**Grantee:** Alaska Power & Telephone Company

**Grant #** 0116-DC-2004-I4

**Period of Report:** First Quarter 2007 (January 1 through March 31, 2007)

**Project Name:** Tok-Chistochina Regional Intertie Project (Denali)

**Project activities completed:**

Chistochina Line Extension

- Remaining right-of-way was cleared and ready for work.
- Larger timber was moved to public access area for removal.
- Installation was completed for 35 poles supplying two new customers.
- Equipment was returned to Tok service yards for maintenance and repairs.

Chistochina River Bridge

- Segment of project has been completed.

Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- AP&T staff met with Ahtna, Cheesh'na and Mentasta Tribal Councils and officials.
- Bureau of Land Management continued on permits.
- AP&T staff continued efforts to gather property access from area landowners.

**Project existing or potential problems:**

- The National Park Service has required all underground line installation to the Cobb lake residents. These requirement increase construction cost to prohibitive levels without additional funding sources.
- Archaeological and cultural findings during ground disturbing activities slow or halt construction with the potential to change pole placement or route.
- Material prices continue to escalate and availability hampered with the rebuilding of Iraq and storm damaged areas of the U.S.

**Activities Targeted for Next Reporting Period, second Quarter 2007:**

Chistochina Line Extension

- Meeting with the local residents for preliminary site surveys and acquire needed paperwork.
- Mark proposed power line route.
- Clear right-of-way. Install poles, conductor, and secondary services.

Porcupine Creek to Carlson Creek

- Continue Bureau of Indian Affairs require processes.
- Complete final line placement determinations by all agencies.
- Complete permits processes.
- Acquire legal easement paperwork from landowners.
- Mark proposed power line route.
- Begin setting pole, installing conductor, and other parts of power system.